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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY

BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR FOR HABIB

1. IN SECTO 2073 IT WAS INDICATED THAT YOU DESIRED NO
DECISION MADE REGARDING LAOS UNTIL YOU RETURNED TO
WASHINGTON. WE HAVE SO INFORMED HABIB BY CABLE REPEATED
TO YOU AND HAVE ASKED HIM FOR HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BY
JUNE 4 WHEN YOU RETURN.

2. IN VIEW VIENTIANE 3897, IN WHICH CHAPMAN GIVES COGENT
REASONS WHY HE CANNOT REDUCE STAFF BELOW 50 BY JUNE 5,
WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE REDUCING ON
A CASE BY CASE BASIS AS HE RECOMMENDS AND WE INTERPRET

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